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RESOLUTIONS

THE LEGISLATURE OF NEW YORK

An appropriation of land for the construction of a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Oregon Territory, on the plan proposed by Mr. Whitney.

December 8, 1847.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

STATE OF NEW YORK

IN SENATE, May 4, 1847.

Whereas the geographical position of the United States and her territories, with the Atlantic and Pacific oceans for its eastern and western boundaries, withness it as the natural route for the commerce of Asia, and recent political events and passing occurrences tend to give greatly increased importance to that portion of our territory washed by the Pacific Ocean, and the recognition of that we must rely upon become an object of the greatest interest, as well to the industry and trade of the country, as to the government and prosperity of its people; And whicess the experience of the present age has conclusively proven that the smartest advantage of a free government is to be found in a well regulated system of internal commerce and communication, conducted upon cheap and speedy avenues; And whicess a railroad from Lake Michigan to Oregon will tend greatly to consolidate the union of the States, extend the commerce and promote the agricultural interests of the country, while it will enrich the national treasury by bringing to a speedy market, and at advanced prices, its hitherto inaccessible lands: And whicess the construction of such road can best be accomplished by the plan proposed by Mr. A. Whitney, of New York, of connecting the side of the public lands with the backbone of the road: Therefore,

Resolved, if the Assembly concur, That this Legislature approve of the project of constructing a railroad from Lake Michigan to the Oregon Territory, according to the plan proposed by Mr. A. Whitney, of the city of New York, and that it recommend the appropriation of the necessary quantity of the public lands situated along the route of the proposed road, for the accomplishment of that object.

Resolved, That our Senators and our Representatives in Congress be requested to favor the passage of a law authorizing the granting of such lands for the purposes specified in the preceding resolution, and that the

